

Dr. A. Gray,

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My dear friend, I have had much pleasure in penning a few introductory letters, which I have given, herewith, nothing doubting that those to whom they are addressed will have much pleasure in courteously welcoming you to my father land. I would have you, by all means, call on Mr. ~~Clinton~~ ^{Clinton} & either of the Dons will go with you to his house. He is a peccoman, & a practical man, who has been once or twice in America. He is very fond of plants, & knows intimately all the nurserymen & growers of plants, & you will see the best collections in this manner. If my poor friend Christy be living, & improved in health, he is a great pleasure, & will devote himself to you I am convinced. In fact, you will have no sort of difficulty, in making your way amongst our Botanists. Mr. Bell is not much of a botanist, but he is a naturalist of a high order, & will introduce you wherever you desire. He is, moreover, an excellent fellow. Mr. Foster is a veteran Linnean Botanist, one of the oldest of the N. L. S. He is good authority for English Species. I was the intimate friend of Sir James E. Smith. Mr. Stokes is principally a zoologist, but he is, or was, very intimate with Brown, & hence I wish you to know him. He is also constantly at Dr. Baot's.

I trouble you with 100 francs, & beg you to
buy for me in Paris, or Geneva, as many parts as
may be published, of DeCandolle's Prodrromus, & also
the 2 vols. of Michaux's flora - The latter you will,
no doubt, pick up at second hand, & I care not
whether it is bound, or otherwise, but I should
prefer having the Prodrromus unbound, as I can
then have the vols. matched hereafter, if I should
live until the work is completed - Sincerely
wishing you every comfort & happiness, & the blessing
& protection of a benign Providence, during your
absence, from home, I am, my dear Gray,

Your sincerely attached friend
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Portrait of the Baillie

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